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Any statement that registration to vote on the Library question may be made up to March 9th, is an error. According to the provisions of law, every person who desires to vote on this question must have their name on the registration list in the village clerk's office not later than Saturday evening, March second. All voters who are not already registered must bear this in mind and act accordingly.

Clifford Pugsley was home from the M. A. C. for the week end.

Mrs. Cyrus Loveland is improving nicely from her recent operation.

Miss Bees Harrison of Ann Arbor is the guest of her sister Mrs. T. J. Cavanaugh.

Frank Drew is making quite extensive improvements on the interior of his restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mosier spent Sunday last with their son Carl and family in Dowagiac.

The Daughters of the Coterie will meet with Mrs. Arthur Miller the evening of March 6th.

C. D. Myers of Gobleville had the misfortune to fall on the ice last week and break his leg just below the hip.

A. L. Hindenach was in South Haven last Friday on business connected with the Surgical Dressing department of the Red Cross.

S. O. Kenyon is moving his stock to the Shoemith building. Further announcement of his business in the new location will be made next week.

William Quinn recently suffered two strokes of paralysis. He is in a critical condition and on account of his advanced age, fears are entertained for his recovery.

We trust that every reader of The True Northerner will give careful consideration to some phases of the library question as discussed in the editorial columns of this issue.

Claire Allen, who was called here by the death of his mother, has returned to his home in Montana, and his sister Mrs. Minnie Prior to her home in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mrs. Herbert Geddes is in Detroit this week buying millinery goods preparatory to opening her store the first of March. Mrs. Quartermas is on a similar errand in Grand Rapids.

The True Northerner is in receipt of many communications favoring the Library and Rest Room for this village. We regret that space will not permit the publication of all of them this week.

A letter received from Sergeant Jesse A. Lamson dated from Camp Merritt, February 18th, orders the address of his True Northerner changed to France. Of course he could not state the date of his departure, but it will probably not be long before his regiment is "On the Way."

W. C. Eckard of Eaton Rapids will succeed T. A. Farrand as Agricultural agent for Van Buren county. The citizens of this county regret to lose Mr. Farrand, but private interests at home necessitate his retirement from public work. Mr. Eckard is a man of experience, well fitted to take up the work in this county where his predecessor leaves off.

The remains of Edward L. Bullard were brought to Paw Paw for burial the first of the week. The funeral was held from the Christian church Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. of which deceased was a member. Rev. Freeman was the officiating clergyman. Edward Bullard was born in Paw Paw on July 14th, 1868. He spent his entire lifetime here up until several years ago, when he moved to Elkhart, Ind., to accept a position there. He underwent a surgical operation in a hospital in that city, but could not survive the shock, passing away last Sunday morning. He leaves a wife formerly Miss Lulu Ball, and two daughters, Mrs. Harry White of Paw Paw and Mrs. Harry Snyder of Elkhart, besides a father, James F. Bullard of St. Cloud, Florida, all of whom have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow.

Lieutenant Glenn A. Showerman was home from Camp Custer last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Warner are rejoicing over the advent of a fine baby boy born to them last Saturday night.

Mrs. George Weston was in Lawrence last week to assist in the local talent play given there last Thursday evening.

Miss Mildred Shepard as "Sweet Kittie Clover" and Miss Christine Carr as "Loretta, her chum" in Grand Ma Gibbs of the Red Cross, the "Hit of the Season."

John Hileman was in Paw Paw on Tuesday. He is employed at Camp Custer while Mrs. Hileman and children are visiting relatives and friends in Iowa.

Prof. Kaye takes the part of "Ezra, the True American Soldier Boy" in "Grand Ma Gibbs" which will be put on by local talent at the Opera House Friday and Saturday nights, March 15 and 16. Get tickets early.

Nearly every "Henry" in the country has been "tuned" up this week. Like the blue birds, the faithful "Henry" is the last to disappear when winter comes and the first to put in an appearance in the spring.

Quite a number of U. S. Army Trucks have passed through Paw Paw this week, probably on the way from factory to Camp Custer. They all had heavy canvass tops and were inscribed "U. S. Quartermaster's Dept."

Mr. and Mrs. Wells G. Brown of Lansing were week end guests at the Judge Anderson home. Wells went to Breedsville to spend Sunday among the scenes of his boyhood days and Mrs. Brown remained here until Monday.

The John Ryden home has been a veritable hospital for the past two or three weeks. Mr. Ryden was kicked by a horse some two weeks ago and is just getting able to be around again; Mrs. Ryden has been ill with the grip, and Miss Agnes is recovering from quite a severe sickness.

The Masonic school of instruction for this section of the county will be held in Lawrence next week Wednesday evening, March 6th. Grand Lecturer Frank O. Gilbert will be in charge, and Lawrence lodge will confer the Third degree. Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 is one of the lodges summoned to be in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coy are receiving the congratulations of their friends. The bride was Miss Celeste Holmes of Marcellus and the ceremony was performed at that city on Sunday, February 17th. The True Northerner joins in best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Coy will soon move into the tenant house on the Fuller farm east of Paw Paw, where Joe will be employed this year.

Since the war began, about 25,000 employees have been added to the civil service in Washington, D. C. and it is estimated that another 20,000 will be added during the coming year. Stenographers are being added in great numbers and there is also need for clerks, both men and women who are trained in certain special or technical lines, ship draftsmen, mechanical draftsmen, and workmen in trades connected with ship-building. Arba Hawley at the local post office is prepared to furnish definite information and application blanks.

The base ball fans of Chicago are inclined to recent the title conferred upon Bill Killefer as the most valuable catcher in the business. They look upon Schalk of the White Sox as Bill's equal. "Not So" says Pat Moran, manager of the Phillies, who places Killefer in the class with the best backstops of all time, and sticks to his conclusion that there is no catcher in base ball today that is Bill's equal. He bases his conclusions upon two facts—"Killefer's ability as a catcher, and his habit of avoiding injury", which means his ability to go behind the bat every day. Killefer has been with the Phillies five years, and during that time has been behind the bat in 565 games, an average of 113 games a season. In his banner season he caught 140 games, and in his worst year 85 contests. In 1917 his last year with the Phillies, he engaged in 125 battles and batted for an average of .275. There undoubtedly will be keen rivalry next season in Chicago between Killefer of the Cubs and Schalk of the White Sox.

Charles Cole of Hartford was in Paw Paw on Wednesday.

Monday, March 11th, will be Farmer's Institute day at Alma.

F. A. Butterfield of Bangor was a Paw Paw visitor the first of this week.

Master Kenneth Van Tassel has been sick this week and unable to attend school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Abrams and Miss Grace Barnes of Lawrence were Paw Paw visitors on Tuesday.

L. H. Harrison of Charleston, West Virginia was in Paw Paw the first of this week. He is a brother of Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson.

Edmond Babbitt, former student in the Paw Paw schools is at Annapolis Maryland, attending a preparatory school for entrance to the U. S. Naval Academy.

See Rev. C. H. Heaton as "Happy Jim Hawkins" in Grand Ma Gibbs of the Red Cross at the Opera House Friday and Saturday evenings, March 15 and 16.

R. A. Shoemith, formerly of Paw Paw and now of Payette, Idaho has been calling on Paw Paw friends this week. He is looking well and is delighted with his western home.

Remember, that all women who own property jointly with their husbands are entitled to vote on the library question on March 11th, but don't forget to have your name registered with the village clerk before Saturday night of this week.

W. C. Wilday has been for several weeks, travelling through the South in the interest of the Paw Paw Fruit Growers Union. He is in Arkansas this week and will be in Florida next. He will return home about the first of April.

Owing to the fact that the County Agricultural Agent will be out of the county attending the Farmers' Meeting at the M. A. C. this week, during the week ending March 9th, no farmer's meeting where the Extension Division is concerned will be held.

The program next Wednesday afternoon at the Coterie will be devoted entirely to the question of "A new Carnegie Library for Paw Paw." The principal address will be given by Miss Elizabeth Pomeroy of Lansing and a musical program will be rendered. There will be no guest fee on this day and every woman in the village of Paw Paw is invited and urged to be present.

George Updyke, state inheritance tax examiner, was at the Probate office last week, checking up the estates liable under the law to an inheritance tax, and making an estimate in a number of estates. Probably the largest inheritance tax ever determined in Van Buren county was entered February 21st, the same being \$3,392.08 in the estate of Wm. J. Sellick, deceased. Inheritance taxes are payable to the county treasurer, and by him forwarded to the state treasurer, where they are placed in the Primary School fund.

Carl Isaac Conner, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conner died on February 1st, of pneumonia. He was apparently a healthy child and enjoyed his normal health until a few days before his death. Every thing was done within human power by his indulgent parents but their efforts were in vain. The funeral services were held last week Thursday afternoon from the home of the child's grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mather who are burdened with a double grief, having so recently lost their son, Carl Mather. The family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The next contingent of the U. S. army from Van Buren will leave Paw Paw next Tuesday afternoon, March 5th, at 3:50. Following is the list:— Clarence Beckwith and Arthur Karl Sauer of Bangor; Colond M. McCrary Stanley W. Hoyt and Wayne H. Abbott of Lawton; George Orta Wentworth formerly of Lawrence and Charles Willett of Covert. Practically all of this list waived regular classification and made special request to be sent with the first contingent to leave the county. They are ordered to report to the local board at 1:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and the schedule will take them to their destination at Fort Oglethorpe, Camp Greene, Georgia at 7:55 o'clock Wednesday evening March 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Allen of Gledale called on Mrs. Rena Beach last Tuesday.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be at the Memorial Hall tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

A letter from Mrs. Nellie Raleigh Moulton states that she is now at home at 116 Hastings St. N. E. Grand Rapids and orders The True Northerner sent to her at that address.

Letters from Senator William Alden Smith to some of his Michigan friends contain the information that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in the next republican primary.

Dr. A. S. Warthin of the U. of M. is authority for the statement that the U. S. Army now in progress of being built is the most moral army ever raised in the history of the world.

The Seattle Sunday Times of February 17th, contains a fine double column likeness of a former Paw Paw girl, now Mrs. J. H. Linton, who has recently been elected president of the Seattle Officers Council of Parent-Teachers association. Mrs. Linton was formerly Miss Bernice Quick of this place.

How comparatively fortunate Michigan is in the matter of tuberculosis among its soldiers is shown by a comparison between rejections at Camp Custer by reason of this disease and in some other camps. Dr. E. R. Vander Slice, secretary of the Michigan Anti-tuberculosis association, just returned from Camp Taylor, Kentucky reports 460 rejections at that camp as against only 100 in Camp Custer.

Hon. Charles B. Warren of Detroit, member of the National Republican Committee and Major of the staff of Provost Marshal General Crowder since the beginning of the war, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. It will be remembered that Mr. Warren's services were accepted by the Government on the condition that it be without pay. He received a brand new one dollar bill as payment in full for his services during the period of the war. His boyhood days were spent in Van Buren county, and he is now a resident of Detroit.

Mrs. Mary Benson died very suddenly last Sunday, February 24th. She was ill only one day and was not confined to her bed. Heart failure was given as the cause of her death. She was born in Pelham, Ontario and was eighty-three years of age last Christmas day. She was the mother of Mrs. Arthur Trott with whom she has made her home for the past three years. She was a member of the M. E. church and a devoted christian. Rev. Mr. Trott and wife left on Monday for Durmville, Ontario, where the remains will be laid to rest beside those of her husband who passed away some thirteen years ago.

The great Clarence Darrow of Chicago, who is probably one of the most noted attorneys in the whole United States is scheduled for a visit to Paw Paw next week Tuesday, March 5th. He will come in the capacity of attorney for a client in the Lucile Bridges estate in the Probate court of this county. Mr. Darrow and Judge Anderson are the associate attorneys on one side of the case, and Judge Lally of Chicago and Glenn Warner on the other. It is seldom that an attorney of Clarence Darrow's reputation is called to a case in the courts of this county, and his visit will be a circumstance of considerable note.

E. V. Root, commissioner of schools and T. A. Farrand county agricultural agent send the following message to the Farmers of Van Buren county:—"The Federal Government is making a crop, stock and labor census of the United States as a part of the War program. The public school system has been designated as the agency through which such census shall be taken. The census will be made by school district with the teacher or superintendent in charge. It is expected that the blanks can be distributed and collected by the pupils. School officers have been asked to assist the schools in this work. March 8th, has been designated as the date for the completion of this census and the blanks should be distributed by your school this week. We ask the co-operation of every farmer in this matter in order that the returns may be accurate and the work completed on time.

Miss Irene Lane was a Kalamazoo visitor on Monday.

The Friday club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. R. Sellick this week.

Edwin Reeves of the Idle Hour made a business trip to Detroit the first of the week, returning Wednesday evening.

L. H. Waber of Kendall, newly appointed member of the County Road commission was in Paw Paw the first of the week.

Charles Davis presented the Fire Department with a check for \$15.00 in appreciation of its service at the time of his recent fire.

All Rebekahs are requested to be present at the next meeting Wednesday, March 6th, especially those on the Staff. There will be initiation.

The Republican township caucus will be held at the Opera House on Saturday, March 9th. The call will be found in another column of this issue.

Cyrus Loveland, John Wilson, Chas. Lake, H. C. Waters and Nelson Waters motored to Kalamazoo last Sunday and heard Dwight Hillis lecture on the German Atrocities.

Erastus Cone has sold his house and lot in Paw Paw to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kesler. Mr. Cone will return to his former home village, Bloomingdale, to live.

The local Draft Board received a "Questionnaire" bearing the postmark "France" this week. It was from C. B. Lawton formerly of Lawton, who is now a Lieutenant with the American forces at the front.

Mrs. Herbert Druinger left Monday morning for her future home in Blue Island, Illinois. Mrs. Druinger was formerly Miss Irene Cole and Paw Paw has always been her home. She was married in Chicago February 5th.

Farmers and housewives of the state of Michigan will assemble in Lansing next Monday for a five day session of the Housewives Congress and Farmers' Week at the M. A. C. Great preparations have been made and it is anticipated that the attendance will be large.

Dana P. Smith and Will Neale are in Ann Arbor this week taking instructions in the science of road building. This course is put on by the State Engineers and Good Roads associations, and cannot help but be productive of much good. Attendance of these local men is highly commendatory, and bespeaks their progressiveness as road builders.

The Rebekahs enjoyed a nice social session at the close of their last session. A short Washington program was given, and dainty refreshments served. At the close of the entertainment the recording secretary in behalf of the lodge presented Mrs. Flossie Young with a beautiful Grape Juice set in honor of her birthday. She was also presented with a large birthday cake with candles. The cake was cut and shared by all.

The High School musical program at the M. E. church last Friday evening was largely attended and highly pleasing. A splendid program was rendered by the Band, Mandolin club Girls Glee Club and Boys Quintette. The work of the Band was especially fine, and reflects much credit on musical director Harry Gottheimer. We venture the assertion that not another High School in the state of Michigan can boast of a strictly High School band with as much real "class" and ability as Paw Paw. The citizens of this community are certainly proud of the local schools and are deeply appreciative of the services rendered by the instructors in every department.

Tomorrow (Saturday) is the Third Anniversary of the firm of O'Grady Bros. company, and their "ad" this week on page eight is a "Reminiscence" comparing the days of the "Great Whale Clothing success" with the modern up-to-date progressive store of the present. The True Northerner joins in congratulations to both the boys (Ed and Jim) on the success which has been theirs during the past three years. Their store is now one of the finest in the state, their merchandise strictly up to the minute, and the boys are two of the best fellows who ever went down the pike. Here's to the firm of O'Grady Bros., on their Third Birthday. May it live long and continue to grow in popularity and prosperity.

Deputy Sheriff Andrew Lang was in Bloomingdale on business Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude Smith of Bangor has been the guest of Paw Paw friends the past week.

Mrs. E. L. Goodale of Kalamazoo was the guest of Paw Paw relatives the first of this week.

Miss Margaret Cole as "Grand Ma Gibbs" at the Opera House on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 15 and 16.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chase of Gledale, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Nunnery and Mrs. Rena Beach were guests of Mrs. Florence Harris on Wednesday.

Mr. Reeves announces a change of program for the Idle Hour for Friday and Saturday nights of this week. "A Tale of Two Cities" starring Wm. Farnum is the feature for both evenings. This is one of the best features shown and the house should be packed both nights. Sunday night, a Triangle feature "Golden Rule Kate" is announced, and Wednesday night of next week, the feature starring Gladys Brockwell in the "Soul of Satan" will be shown. "Draft No. 258", the celebrated feature which movie fans have been anticipating for some time, will be on at the Idle Hour next week Friday and Saturday evenings. This is a sequel to "The Slacker" and a high class feature.

A Surgical Dressing shop will be open in Paw Paw about the last of March, in the apartment above the Emporium. A Lynn Free has donated the use of these rooms which will make an ideal location. A class of ladies who will take a course of lessons in the making of surgical dressings, will supervise the work. Mrs. F. C. Penoyer, chairman of the surgical dressing work in South Haven will come here as instructor. Mrs. Penoyer has had many months experience in this work and comes here without charge. Until a few weeks ago South Haven had the only Surgical Dressing Shop in the county. The ladies of Covert and Kibbie worked with South Haven and large shipments of Dressings have been sent from these units. The Bangor ladies have finished their course of lessons and opened their work room this week and the Decatur ladies start their supervisors course this week. Every lady in Paw Paw should plan to spend at least one afternoon each week making surgical dressings. There will be several kinds of work to do, and if you are unable to do one thing, there surely will be something that you can do.—Mrs. Carrie Briggs Chappell.

Cupid occasionally steals a march on the people of a community no matter how close a watch is kept by the wise ones. It is reported that a "quiet" wedding was celebrated at Memorial Hall last Friday evening in the presence of members of the L. O. T. M. and a few invited guests, uniting two of our well known people. The contracting parties were really not George Washington and Martha Washington, but they looked so near like them that there were no questions asked. At precisely eight o'clock Mrs. Filley and Mrs. Raymond entered the room bearing ribbons which were stretched to the altar, being followed by Hazel Raymond as flower girl. The ring bearer was Alice Stevenson who performed her part in the ceremony very nicely. Mrs. Nunn, the dignified officiating clergy entered and immediately the bride, Mrs. Martin Yonker and Mrs. Ola Summey, the happy bridegroom formed the group at the altar. The ceremony was very impressive, though it might be said to be a trifle out of the ordinary, but the variation from the usual form might be laid to the extreme youth and inexperience of the young minister. The couple were very appropriately attired in colonial costumes. The bride's train was carried very gracefully by little Miss Yonker. Those present were profuse in their congratulations and good wishes for the "long and prosperous" life of the newlyweds and a great deal of fun was in order. One of the most enjoyable features of the occasion was at the conclusion of the ceremony when the wedding party joined in a Virginia reel which was very prettily done. A light luncheon was served. The officers of the lodge were the hostesses and their friends declare this party to have been one of the best entertainments ever given in the lodge.

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